

ALLIGATOR NEWS

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!!UPCOMING EVENTS!!

We are coming up to our championship season. The kids have come a long way and many of them still have exciting challenges ahead. As a team many personal goals were reached, and everyone enjoyed learning something about themselves. As we look forward to our Spring and Summer season goals will change and new things will be learned. So lets enjoy the ride.

Dates to Remember!

Feb. 18 Gold Conference

Feb. 24, 25 A—champs, Barrington

March 2,3,4 Senior Champs at UIC

March 8,9,10,11 Sectionals in MN

March 16,17,18 JO's at UIC

March 20-24 Jr. Nationals Orlando, FL

March 27-31 Sr. Nationals, New York

April 9th Annual team recognition Banquet(not the benefit)

May 5 1 day stroke clinic and Alumni Benefit (not the banquet).

May 11, 12 Camp Duncan.

May 26 and 27th Irish Aquatic meet—South Bend, Indiana

June 2,3 Alligator Summer Splash

Please make sure you keep in touch by checking the website. This is a full schedule, but a very exciting one for the team. There are opportunities for everyone, both adults and kids, to participate. So lets enjoy the rest of our season and plan ahead for the next.



February

Birthdays!!

Marc Pontello 2/2

Darby Nicholson 2/3

Jeffrey Ruffin 2/7

Maryclare

Zimmermann 2/8

Emily Zimmermann 2/12

Eric Sutton 2/13

Danae James 2/20

Rebecca Ruffin 2/25

Just A Few More Details

The Gold Conf. on the 18th is sponsored by the Alligators. Please plan on helping out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We want you at this special occasion! Our first team Benefit!

The Alumni Benefit will be held on May 5th at St. Viator. This benefit is to raise money for the team and the Andrew Johnstone fund at St. Viator. Andrew swam for the Alligators while he attended St. Viator. In honor of his memory a fund was set up in his name. A portion of the money raised will go to this fund. The evening will start at 6:00pm. Please plan on coming. If you know of anyone who swam for the Gators or knew Andrew and would be interested in attending

the benefit let Mary know by sending here their address and/or email so we can send an invitation.

Mary's email :

ruffinsix@wowway.com.

There will be a bar at the dinner so only adults 18 and over will be aloud to attend. An ID will be require to purchase alcohol.

Earlier in the day we will be holding a stroke clinic for our swimmers. Thanks to Matt Zimmer and TYR, this clinic will have the honor of an Olympic swimmer to help coach and talk to the kids. He will also attend the benefit that evening. So plan on signing up your kids for that as soon as your receive the information. Space will be limited.

This benefit is not the same as our end of the season team dinner that will be held on April 9th. They are separate events!

Back by popular demand is the travel meet to Notre Dame! This has been our highest attended travel meet ever. It is a family affair to a fantastic University pool. Swimming in a pool like Notre Dame's is a rare opportunity. Mark your calendar for this swim meet. May 25-27th.

A block of rooms is being set aside and we will get it out as soon as it is confirmed.

THE COACHES CORNER

Your Attitude makes a difference! Have a positive one! Train with you heart and your heart will carry you. It is impossible to weigh the significance of your mind set. You have the power to do anything—How? When? Where? Is unknown, but, the belief that you CAN, is the single, most important factor in your success!

Alligator Award

Attention all Alligators. The time has come to vote for the Alligator of the year!

You are to email Mary with your vote, or hand her a note. Please take time to think over your choice. This award is given to the swimmer on our team that is voted to best represent what we all strive to be—dedicated, kind, disciplined, friendly to others and supportive of our team. This award always goes to the ONE swimmer that the majority of our team recognize as meeting these characteristics. Please vote. Every swimmer's vote counts. It would help if you would add one sentence stating why you select the swimmer you do. The coaches have spent a great deal of time coming up with the following candidates for this year. Please vote for one that is listed.

This years candidates for Alligator Award are:

Amy Andracki(X-treme), Dan Beshoar (X-treme), Amanda Lee(Blue),

Rebecca Ruffin(X-treme) and Margaret Spacapan(X-treme).